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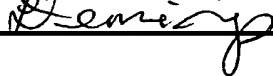
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GOLD CODE GENERATOR DESIGN

BACKGROUND OF THE PRESENT INVENTION

The present application concerns pseudo-random generators, in particular gold code generators.

- 5 Pseudo-random generators have applicability for a number of communication systems, in particular, for spread spectrum wireless communications. In spread spectrum transmissions, the circuit artificially spreads the transmitted signals bandwidth by modulating an information signal, either in phase or frequency, with a pseudo-random sequence that occurs at a greater rate
- 10 than that required for the data alone. During signal reception, the receiver synchronizes an internal pseudo-random generator to the pseudo-random sequence of the transmitted signal to fully recover the available power and decode the message. Most direct sequence spread spectrum systems pseudo-randomly modulate the phase of the RF carrier signal 10 times or greater than the rate
- 15 required for the data transmission. This results in a signal spectrum which is much broader than would be occupied if the RF carrier signal were modulated by only the data stream. Frequency hopping systems use the pseudo-random generator to implement frequency hops within the spread spectrum range.

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Matching pseudo-random generators at the transmitter and receiver allow the correlation and recovery of the information signal. Other transmitted signals with different pseudo-random codes can be transmitted in the same bandwidth since the correlation between the different pseudo-random codes is quite low. The transmissions using the different pseudo-random codes will tend not to significantly interfere with one another.

One way of implementing a pseudo-random generator is with a linear feedback shift register (LFSR). Taps from the linear feedback register are sent to a logic circuit to create a new input (feedback) bit. The linear shift register runs through a large number of different codes before repeating. The linear feedback shift register is preferably selected with a feedback path producing the maximum code length. Also beneficial for the linear shift register is low auto-correlation with shifts in the pseudo-random sequence and low cross-correlation with other sequences.

One preferred way of implementing a pseudo-random sequence is to combine the outputs of two linear feedback shift registers. Such a pseudo-random generator is called a gold code generator.

Figure 1 illustrates a gold code generator used with the UMTS European wireless standard. The gold code generator is constructed of two linear feedback shift registers. The first linear feedback shift register has feedback taps from registers 0 and 3. The second linear feedback shift register has feedback taps at registers 0, 1, 2, and 3. The first serial linear feedback shift register's output is combined with the output of the second linear feedback shift register in the EXCLUSIVE-OR 40. The first linear feedback shift register 42 has taps at registers 4, 7 and 18 that go to a EXCLUSIVE-OR (mask) 44. The second linear feedback shift register 46 has taps at registers 4, 6, and 17 fed to the EXCLUSIVE-OR 48. The output to the EXCLUSIVE-ORs 44 and 48 are sent to a second output EXCLUSIVE-OR 52.

It is desired to have an improved implementation of a gold code generator.

SUMMARY OF THE PRESENT INVENTION

The inventors have noticed that the range of taps used to implement the second output of the UMTS gold code generator standard is quite broad: In the first linear shift register between taps 4 and 18 and in the second linear shift register between taps 4 and 17. This broad range of taps makes it difficult to implement a parallel implementation of the gold code generator in arithmetic logic units or other computational units that operate on parallel data.

Since the second output is in fact a delayed version of the first output, the gold code generator can be implemented by forming two pairs of linear feedback shift registers and using different seeds for the second pair of linear feedback shift registers. This significantly reduces the range of the output taps in any of the linear feedback shift registers, and makes it easier to implement a parallel implementation of the gold code generator to produce multiple output bits.

One embodiment of the present invention comprises a gold code generator comprising two pairs of linear feedback shift registers wherein the second seed values for the second pair of linear feedback shift registers are different from the first seed values for the first pair of linear feedback state machines. The second seed values are calculated from the first seed values, wherein the first and second pair of linear feedback shift registers are implemented to produce more than one input bit and more than one output bit for each linear feedback shift registers at the same time.

Another embodiment of the present invention comprises at least one reconfigurable chip implementing a gold code generator, the at least one reconfigurable chip including background and foreground configuration memories. The background configuration memory is adapted such that it can be loaded with a gold code generator configuration while the at least one reconfigurable chip

configured with the foreground configuration operates. After the background configuration is loaded with the gold code generator configuration, the background plane is activated to reconfigure the at least one reconfigurable chip.

Another embodiment of the present invention comprises a method of
5 implementing a pseudo-random code generator comprising the steps of converting a pseudo-random code generator specification into an equivalent representation. The pseudo-random code generator specification being such that taps used to calculate an output include at least one tap within n spaces of the input. Equivalent representation is such that no taps are within n spaces from the input. The method
10 includes implementing the equivalent representation such that n new state bits are calculated at the same time.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a method of implementing a pseudo-random code generator, the method comprising converting a pseudo-random code generation specification into an equivalent of representation. The
15 pseudo-random code generator specification being such that taps used to calculate an output bit are defined within a first shift register span, the equivalent representation is such that taps used to calculate an output bit within a smaller shift register span. The method includes implementing the equivalent representation such that multiple new bit states are calculated at the same time.

20 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 illustrates a diagram of a prior art gold code generator.

Figure 2 shows the diagram illustrating the implementation of the gold code generator of Figure 1 into an equivalent representation.

Figure 3 is a diagram of that illustrates a parallel implementation of the
25 gold code generator.

Figure 4 is a diagram of a functional block diagram of a gold code generator.

Figure 5 is a diagram of a reconfigurable chip which can be used for implementing the gold code generator of the present invention.

Figure 6A and Figure 6B show a method of switching in the gold code configuration used with one embodiment of the present invention into a reconfigurable fabric of a reconfigurable chip.

Figure 7 is a diagram illustrating the Galois field calculations for the seed values.

Figure 8A and Figure 8B are tables illustrating the values of the lookup tables of Figure 3.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Figure 2 illustrates the conversion of the gold code generator 60 as defined in the UMTS specification into an equivalent representation using two pairs of linear feedback shift registers, pairs 62 and 64. The output from unit 66 of the gold code generator 60 is equivalent to a delayed sequence of the output unit 68.

In the present invention, multiple pairs of the linear feedback shift register are used, the second pair of linear feedback shift registers uses a second pair of seed values such that output of the second pair of linear feedback shift registers 64 is a delayed sequence of the sequence produced by the output 66 of the gold code generator 60.

Although the equivalent representation uses more resources, this equivalent representation can be implemented in a parallel implementation that produces multiple output bits. Such a representation is especially useful when implemented with a reconfigurable chip in which reconfigurable elements are configured by configuration bits. One reason why it is easier to do a parallel implementation of the equivalent representation is that a narrow range of output taps is used with the equivalent representation. The output 66 of the gold code generator 60 is quite broad. This makes it difficult to calculate multiple output bits with the standard

gold code representation. In the equivalent representation, the linear feedback shift register pair 64 has only two output bits going to the EXCLUSIVE-OR 70. Additionally, the taps used to produce the feedback states remain relatively close together for both of the pairs of the linear feedback shift registers.

5 The second shift register 64 is seeded with a new initial seed. This new initial seed value can be calculated before operation of the gold code generator. This calculation is a Galois field calculation which can be done as shown in Figure 7. Additional discussion of the Galois field calculation is given in Chapter 6 entitled "Theory and application of pseudo-random sequences" in the reference
10 "CDMA Systems Engineering Handbook" by Lee and Miller, which is incorporated herein by reference.

 Additionally, a copy of the C code to calculate the seed values including some corrections to the math of the Lee and Miller book are enclosed as Appendix II to this application.

15 In a preferred embodiment, each of the linear feedback shift registers is reset to an initial value at the beginning of each frame. The seed for the linear feedback shift register LFSRA is assigned by the network controller for each user. The seed for the linear feedback shift register LFSRB is 0 x 1FFFFFF for all users. The seed for the linear feedback shift register LFSRC is the contents of the linear
20 feedback shift register LFSRA seed shifted by 16,777,232,000 cycles, and can be computed by a processor at the beginning of each call. The seed for linear feedback shift register LFSRD is 0 x 1FFFFFF shifted by 16,777,232,000 cycles for each user and thus is a static constant value which can be precalculated and stored. The seed for all of the linear feedback shift registers can be stored in
25 memory elements in a reconfigurable fabric.

 Figure 3 shows a parallel implementation of one of the linear feedback shift registers of the equivalent representation. The span of taps to produce an output bit is quite small so no complicated logic is required to calculate an output. The

input bits are also calculated in parallel using lookup tables. Note how a parallel implementation spreads the number of taps needed for the feedback or output calculations. There is no requirement for a really wide span lookup table for the output bits since the equivalent representation is used.

5 Figures 8A and 8B show the table lookup values of one embodiment of the lookup tables of Figure 3.

Figure 4 illustrates a functional block diagram of a gold code generator in one embodiment. The gold code generator of one embodiment deals with multiple users, each user having a different input seed thus producing different sequence of
10 the gold code generator, each of the different sequences having a relatively low cross-correlation. In this embodiment, for each seed the delayed version for the second pair of shift registers must be calculated using the Galois field calculation described above.

Figure 5 illustrates a reconfigurable chip 80. The reconfigurable chip 80
15 implements the gold code generator in one embodiment. The reconfigurable chip 80 includes a reconfigurable fabric 82 which can be configured into a variety of configurations. The CPU 88 can be used for the LFSRC seed calculations that are difficult to do in the reconfigurable fabric.

In a preferred embodiment, the reconfigurable chip 80 includes the
20 processor 88 such as a reduced instructions set computing (RISC) central processing unit (CPU). In one embodiment the CPU 88 runs portions of the algorithms which are difficult to implement in the reconfigurable fabric.

In one embodiment, the reconfigurable fabric is configured by a foreground configuration plane 84. While the foreground configuration plane 84 is operating,
25 the background configuration can be loaded from the background plane 86. The reconfigurable fabric 82 in a preferred embodiment includes a number of configurable data path units, memory elements, and interconnect elements.

In one embodiment, the data path units include comparators, an arithmetic unit (ALU), and registers which are configurable to implement operations of the algorithm. In one embodiment the reconfigurable fabric 82 also includes dedicated elements such as multiple elements and memory elements. The memory elements
5 can be used for storing algorithm data.

Figures 6A and 6B illustrate the operation of the reconfigurable fabric to the system of the present invention. In Figure 6A, the gold code generator configuration is loaded into the background configuration plane 90. The foreground configuration plane 92 is configured with another configuration so as
10 to configure the reconfigurable fabric with that configuration. In Figure 6B the configuration plane in background plane is loaded into the foreground plane. This almost instantaneously configures the reconfigurable fabric 92' into the gold code generator configuration.

~~Details of the implementation of the gold code generator are shown in~~
15 Appendix I, especially on pages 42-64.

Although only preferred ~~embodiments~~ of the invention are specifically disclosed and described above, it will be appreciated that many modifications and variations of the present invention are possible in light of the above teachings and within the purview of the appended claims without departing from the spirit and
20 intended scope of the invention.